



## Their Name Liveth Forever More

*A Canadian Air Force officer examines the grave markers at Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery.*

Text and photo Capt. Chris Lake

On a cool, sunny November morning, over 200 Army, Air Force and Navy personnel, as well as many local Dutch citizens, have gathered to remember the wartime sacrifice of several thousand Canadian soldiers. About 10 kilometres southeast of Nijmegen stands Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, nestled among the rolling hills and forests of the eastern part of The Netherlands. The Cemetery contains one of the largest concentrations of Canadian war graves in Europe and is witness to an annual ceremony involving Canadian Forces personnel from nearby German and Dutch bases.

As in past years, members from Allied Joint Force Command Headquarters in Brunssum, together with those from Canadian Forces Support Unit (Europe) and the NATO Airborne Early Warning & Control Force in Geilenkirchen, met up with citizens of the nearby town of Groesbeek. The ceremony that took place would be instantly familiar to other members of the Canadian Forces, including a march-on of colours, religious service, playing of Last Post and Reveille and laying of wreaths.

Most of those buried in Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery are Canadians, many of whom died in the Battle of the Rhineland to clear

the territory between the Maas and the Rhine in February and March 1945. Other Canadians buried here died earlier or later in the southern part of the Netherlands and in the Rhineland. The cemetery contains 2,610 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War, of which 2,338 are Canadian. There is also one Canadian Victoria Cross recipient buried here, Sergeant Aubrey Cosens of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, who was killed in action at Mooshof, Germany, on 26 February, 1945.

The cemetery is unusual among Commonwealth War Graves, in that many of the soldiers buried here were moved across international boundaries

from their place of death. This is due to the efforts of General H.D.G. Crerar, commander of Canadian Army forces in Europe, who desired a single, consolidated cemetery for Canadian soldiers killed in the Netherlands and northern Germany.

More information on Groesbeek cemetery or the battles of the Rhineland can be found online with Veterans Affairs Canada at <http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca> or at <http://www.vvv-groesbeek.info/ereveld2-eng.htm>.

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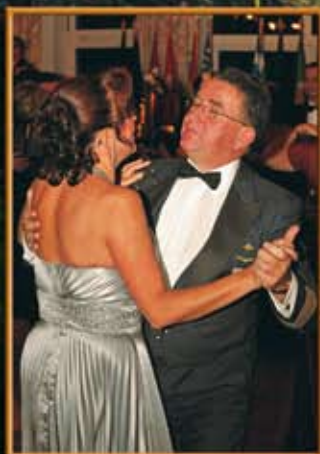
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# Autumn Ball 2009



Component Autumn Ball 2009  
at the Officers' Club on Friday  
the 6th of November

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# Turkish National Day celebrated at the Component

By Maj. Ziya Kabasakal

The Turkish community and guests celebrated the Republic Day on 29 October. Commemorative events for the 86th anniversary of the establishment of Republic of Turkey started with a piano concert by Betin Güneş, conductor of the Cologne Symphony Orchestra.

Güneş honoured the Component and NATO by exclusively composing and performing a special piece for the occasion named "NATO 29 October." In appreciation of the concert, Lt. Col. Fikret Çelik, the Turkish SNR, and Col. Arndt, the E-3A Component Operations Wing Commander, presented Mr. Güneş with a plaque and a miniature AWACS plane.

The concert was followed by a reception at the Officers' Club. Mr. Mustafa Kemal Basa, the Turkish Consul General in Cologne, was among the distinguished visitors at the reception. Lt. Col. Çelik, in his speech, underlined the particular role Turkey has played within NATO, and her contributions to maintaining world peace and order, as meticulously proclaimed by Atatürk in his saying "Peace at home, peace in the world."

Lt. Col. Çelik also commented on Turkey's unique geography. "Surrounded by three seas and connecting two continents," he remarked, "Turkey is a European, Balkan, Caucasian, Middle Eastern, Mediterranean and Black Sea country all at once." Exceptional 'firsts' in world aviation and political history were another topic of his speech. Among such noteworthy events in history were Imam Cevheri being the first



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man in Turkish history to attempt to fly in 1002 AD, Hazerfan Ahmet Çelebi being the first to fly over the Istanbul strait from Europe to Asia in the 17th century, Sabiha Gökçen becoming the first woman fighter pilot in world aviation history in the 1930s, and Turkish women earning their right to be selected as members of the Parliament in 1934. He concluded his speech by stating that the level of integration within the AWACS community and between Turkey and NATO will be promoted even further when Turkey completes her AWACS project called "Peace Eagle" by 2011.

Mrs. Linda Wingenbach, in her turn, touched on cultural/historical aspects of Anatolia in general. She pointed out that mankind's early settlements in Turkey date back to 10,000 BC. Such invaders as Cyrus,

Darius and Alexander the Great all left their significant marks in and around the region. The town of Troy, near the city of Çanakkale, was the scene of the Trojan War around 1250 BC. Midas, the King with the golden touch, and Croesus, the inventor of coinage, were rulers of small but important Anatolian kingdoms in the first millennium. Ephesus was among the largest and finest cities of its time. St. Paul preached there, and the Virgin Mary died in a small house on the outskirts of the city. The seven churches of Asia, to whom St. Paul addressed in his Epistles, are all in Anatolia. Also, St. Nicholas, the original Santa Claus, lived in Anatolia's south coast.

Following the speeches, the celebrations concluded with a traditional Turkish cuisine buffet,

*The Turkish community and guests celebrated the Republic Day on 29 October 2009.*



*Turkish Senior National Representative Lt. Col. Çelik highlighted the level of integration between NATO and Turkey.*

during which guests and participants enjoyed unique tastes offered by the delicious Turkish food.



First mission crew 24 February 1982

Photo PAO archive

## PAO is looking for historical information about the E-3A Component

**Public Affairs Office is currently working on a Component History Program. The purpose of this Program is to provide a complete database of information covering the most important operations, events and historical milestones in the Component's history.**

**Research for validated historical information is**

**often a challenging task, and that is why we could use your help in expanding the coverage of this Program.**

**If you have any historical information or knowledge of useful archives here at the Component, please let us know. Please contact Heidi Soerensen at ext. 2480 or e-mail [hsoerensen@e3a.nato.int](mailto:hsoerensen@e3a.nato.int)**



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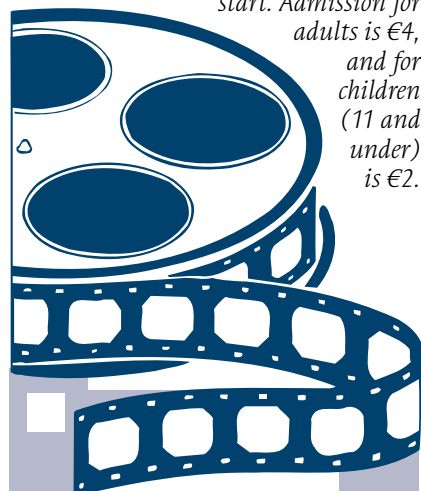
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Mila Kunis

### I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG-13)

Saturday, 21 November, 1600  
Tyler Perry,  
Taraji P. Henson

### Whiteout (R)

Saturday, 21 November, 1900  
Kate Beckingsale,  
Alex O'Loughlin

### Halloween 2 (R)

Friday, 27 November, 1930  
Sheri Moon Zombie,  
Chase Wright Vanek

### All About Steve (PG-13)

Saturday, 28 November, 1600  
Bradley Cooper,  
Sandra Bullock

### Sorority Row (R)

Saturday, 28 November, 1900  
Teri Andrzejewski,  
Adam Berry

### Inglorious Basterds (R)

Friday, 4 December, 1930  
Brad Pitt,  
Melanie Laurent

# When Christmas comes to town

By Amn David Pohl

Many people consider Christmas as the most beautiful time of the year. Meanwhile city centres are transformed into Christmas markets with their unique aroma and atmosphere. Here are the most popular markets of our region.

## Germany

### Aachen

20 November - 23 December, open daily from 1100 to 2100 (except 22 November, only 1800-2100).

One of the biggest and cosiest Christmas markets in Germany opens its doors to show the mood and image of the city. More than 1.5 million people attend this beautiful event around the cathedral and the town hall, where especially 'Reibekuchen' and 'Bockwurst' are among the biggest attractions.

If you want to know more about Aachen and its market, visit [http://www.aachen.de/EN/ts/90\\_festivals\\_events/90\\_30/index.html](http://www.aachen.de/EN/ts/90_festivals_events/90_30/index.html)

### Düsseldorf

19 November - 23 December, Sunday - Thursday 1100-2000, Friday & Saturday 1100-2100. Closed on 22 November.

This year more than 250 suitably decorated cabins welcome guests near the world-famous Königsallee in Düsseldorf. Colourful carousels and a puppet theatre offer children a memorable visit. Ice-skating for free is available on a huge ice rink at the Gustaf-Gründgen-Platz. The heart of the Düsseldorf Christmas Market is the inimitable 'Glühwein-Pyramide', which is also a famous meeting place.

For more information: <http://www.duesseldorf-weihnachtsmarkt.de/index.php?id=1932&L=1>

### Cologne

27 November - 23 December, open daily from 1100 to 2100.

Cologne again provides a very impressive offer of 4 big Christmas

markets: alongside Cologne Cathedral, on the Alter Markt, on the Neumarkt and at the Chocolate Museum. The market by the Cathedral is considered as one of the impressive places to be at Christmas time, and the Alter Markt offers many activities for children. The oldest Christmas market can be found on the Neumarkt, also called 'Market of Angels', with a new but still traditional concept. The Chocolate Museum provides visitors with a 'Middle Ages Market', showing a distant world of past times.

For more information visit: [http://www.koeln.de/tourismus/weihnachtliches\\_koeln/weihnachtsmaerkte](http://www.koeln.de/tourismus/weihnachtliches_koeln/weihnachtsmaerkte)

### Nuremberg

27 November - 24 December, Monday - Thursday 0930-2000, Friday & Saturday 0930-2200.

## The Netherlands

### Valkenburg

20 November - 22 December, Monday-Thursday 1200-2000, Friday 1200-2100, Saturday 1000-2100, Sunday 1000-2000. Entrance: Adults €4, children 4-11 years €1.50, children under 4 years for free.

Valkenburg's 'Fluweelengrot' is one of the most popular Christmas markets in the Netherlands. Many people visit this underground event on weekend trips. Besides Christmas music played live, the beautifully decorated cave offers you Glühwein, snacks and an event you will not forget.

If you want find out more about the Fluweelengrot, visit: <http://www.kasteelvalkenburg.nl>

### Maastricht

28 November - 3 January 2010, open daily from 1100 to 2200. The Christmas market is a regular feature of 'Winterland Maastricht'. Christmas chalets are situated on and around the Vrijthof, and

nicely decorated tents offer a wide range of Christmas products. Get some inspiration for your home decoration on this market or find the ideal Christmas presents. The market is partly indoors.

You want to know about Winterland? Visit: <http://www.winterland.nl>

## Belgium

### Brussels

27 November - 3 January 2010, weekdays 1100-200, Saturday & Sunday 1100-2200.

Each December the largest Christmas market in Belgium is set up in Brussels' Grand Place, one of the most stunning market squares in the whole of Europe. Hundreds of stalls are erected, selling novel gift items from around the world. Culinary choices are most numerous, with regional and national Christmas specialties on sale (and to sample), including flat hard cakes known as 'klaasjes' and 'speculoos', a hard gingerbread moulded in the shape of St Nicholas.

Check out <http://www.plaisirdhiver.be/> for more information about the 'Winter Wonders'

### Liege

27 November - 30 December, weekdays 1100-200, Saturday & Sunday 1000-2200.

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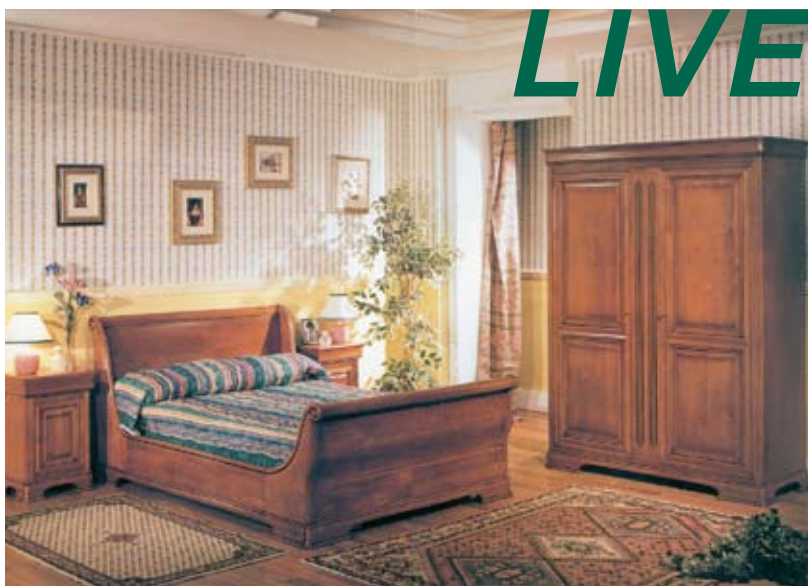
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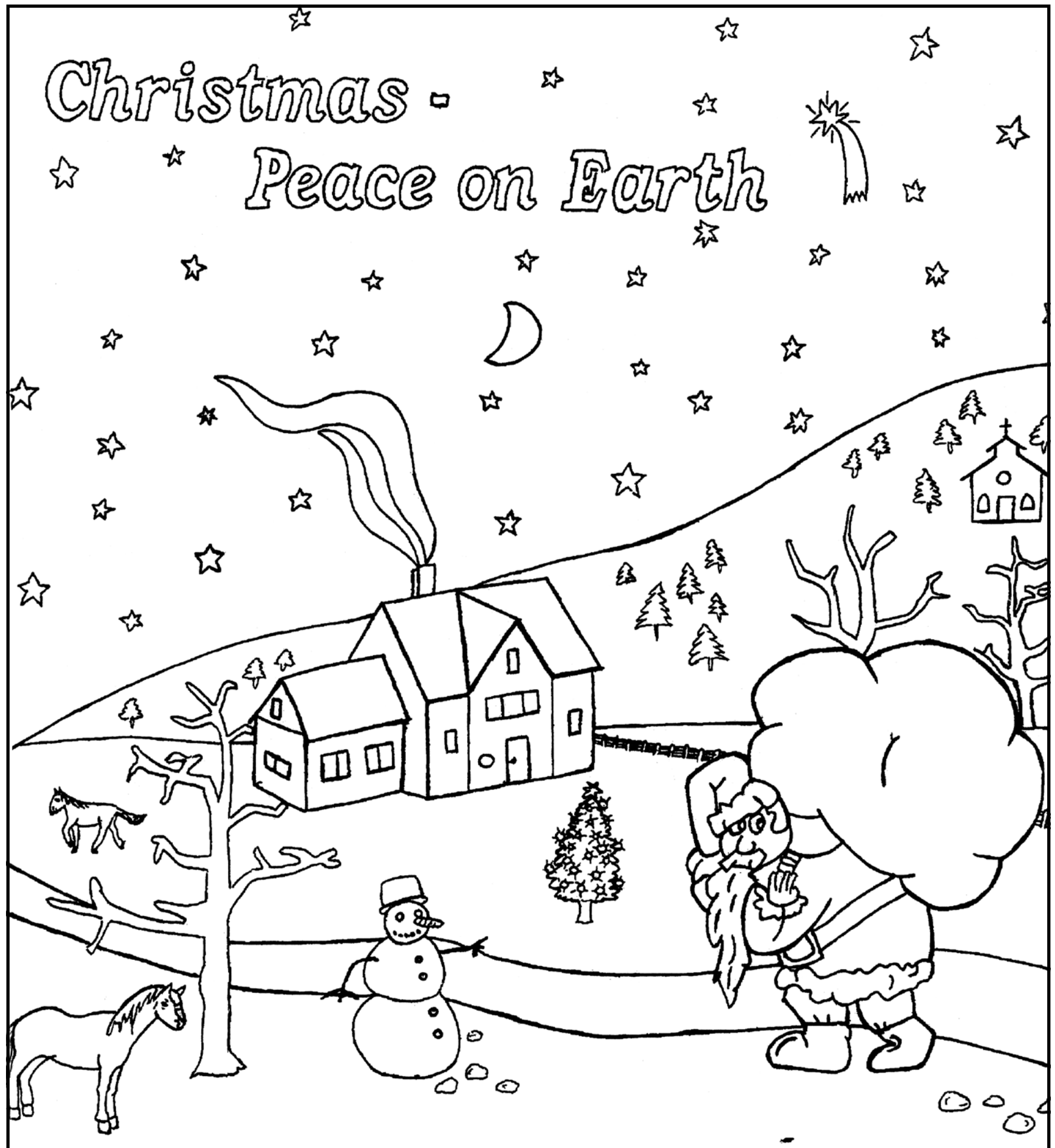
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# MWA INFORMATION

## December

**IDH, Officers', Frisbee and Sentry Clubs now on the BASS LAN System. Menu information available under Public Folders/ Base Support Wing/Services Squadron/Clubs or IDH. Also, check out the Services Squadron web page for programme information and upcoming events.**

### E-3A Component Clubs

Sunday brunch will alternate between Officers'/Frisbee Clubs. Members from both clubs are eligible to attend. Brunch price €15.75; show your valid Club card and get a 30% discount! Children 4-12 years half price. Reservations should be made NLT 1200 on the Friday before, Club cards are required. For additional information, please contact the Officers' Club, ext. 4990, or the Frisbee Club, ext. 4994.

**13 Family brunch at the Officers' Club. Frisbee Club closed.**  
**20 Christmas brunch at the Officers' Club & Frisbee Club**

### Officers' Club (SWPO/4990)

Operating hours bar: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1000-1800; Tuesday 1000-2000 and Friday 1000-1900. Restaurant: Monday-Friday 1130-1330; Sunday 1100-1400 (alternating with the Frisbee Club). Reservations are required for Sunday brunch by 1200 on the Friday before. Club cards required when using the Frisbee Club (ext. 4994). Lunch: Monday through Thursday; A la Carte menu served, a vegetarian menu also available, Friday buffet style lunch.

*Throughout the month: membership appreciation, one time each month for each Officers' Club member, buy one drink of your choice and get an equivalent drink of your choice free of charge, Club cards required.*

Tuesdays 1700-1800 Happy Hour, free snacks available; Fridays 1430-1700 Happy Hour, free snacks available. Visit the Officers' Club Web Page on

*the Component Information Portal, through Base Support Wing, Services Squadron, Clubs, for the latest information.*

**Special note:**  
**17 December club closed due to special function.**

**Upcoming events:**  
**20 Christmas Brunch.**  
**31 New Year's Eve Ball.**

### Frisbee Club (SWPN/4994)

Make a reservation today at the Frisbee Grill and enjoy the cosy atmosphere and good food! Remember - the Frisbee Club is open for breakfast and dinner to all Frisbee and Officers' Club members (club cards required).

*Every Monday-Thursday Happy Hour from 1700 until 1800; every Friday Happy Hour from 1430 until 1900 (including snacks at 1700).*

Every Monday and Friday steak night (normal restaurant times) - steak dinner only, reservations required.

### Upcoming events:

**1 Bingo.**  
**1 Skat.**  
**3 International Wives Club.**  
**15 Bingo.**  
**20 Christmas Brunch.**  
**31 Combined New Year's Eve Ball at the Officers' Club.**

### Sentry Club (SWPJ/4997)

The very popular Lindt Fioretto Chocolate is on sale again. Only €6 for 1 x 850g bag. Sales point: Cashier's Cage.

*In addition to the daily special, the Sentry Club also offers a weekend special, which will be advertised in the*



*Sentry Club and also on the Component BASS LAN system.*

*Come along and try out our very popular, delicious pizzas or one of our freshly prepared salads available at the salad bar for a reasonable price. Do you need support for conferences or meetings? The Sentry Club is able to assist i.e. with refreshments and food. For more information please contact the Sentry Club Management ext. 4996.*

### Sports Department (SWPT/4946)

**1 Squash (3 week) tournament commences.**  
**2 Basketball tournament 3 vs 3 New Gym, 1000-1500.**  
**14 Start registration Indoor Soccer League 2010.**  
**14 Start registration International Mixed Volleyball Tournament 30 Jan 2010.**

Opening hours Sports Department: Every day from 0600-2200.

### International Library

(SWPL/4956)

The operating hours are 1100-1500, Monday through Friday.

*Some brand new CDs and DVDs have arrived! Also, a 6th Internet computer has been installed for our customers. All computers are brand-new and have 17-inch LCD monitors.*

### International Pre-school

(SWPS/4957)

**18 Christmas Train Ride on MOB GK (school children only). 1130 & 1530: Presentation of Christmas songs and Cookie Party (parents welcome).**  
**18 Last day of school 2009.**  
**21 Dec - 03 Jan Christmas break, No school.**  
**4 Jan Back to school 2010.**

School year 2009/2010 - All classes are full, but we have a waiting list for everybody that is interested. Visit us or call the school's office at ext. 4957.

### Thrift Shop (SWPG/4919)

Opening hours: 1000-1400 every Tuesday and Thursday.

### International Youth Activities

(SWPY/4954/5)

Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, ext. 4955.

### Christmas Moonlight Family Steam Train Ride

Santa Claus is already planning to join the traditional International Youth Activities' Moonlight Ride for international Component children and their parents on the historic Selfkant Steam Train.

On Friday, 4 December, at 1900 we will get on the train at Gillrath Station, and travel to Schierwaldenrath in the restored antique wagons built between 1889 and 1956. There will be one short stop on the way, though, when our special passenger arrives in a carriage drawn by a horse. Santa will welcome all the children and present them with a bag of Christmas goodies on the journey to Schierwaldenrath. There everybody has the opportunity to enjoy refreshments in a heated tent listening to Christmas songs, before returning to Gillrath. Tickets at €6,90 per child and €11,50 per adult include 'Brötchen' with hot chocolate, coffee, Glühwein, or a soft drink at Schierwaldenrath, plus Christmas goodies for children, and can be purchased at the IYA Office.

### Christmas Party

On Wednesday, 9 December, 1500 to 1730, the IYA is offering a Christmas Party for all international children at the E-3A Component Officers Club. Children under the age of 6 have to be accompanied by an adult. Parents of older children are also very welcome to attend. Play seasonal games, win a prize at the wheel of fortune, enjoy seasonal refreshments, and meet Santa - he even has a little gift for you. Bring your camera: children and families can have their photo taken with Santa at no cost. During the party the winners of this year's Christmas Colouring Contest will receive their awards. There is no fee. Please call ext. 4954/5 to sign up. Children enrolled in the December IYA Afternoon Club are automatically registered.



*Christmas moonlight family steam train ride on 4 December.*  
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